
Title: The Black Necklace III

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An insignia? Of rank,
perhaps? There is no
denying, after this
revelation, and coupled
with everything else, that
a necklace with a black
center means something.
A symbol? Or were they
producing lesser versions
with the knowledge that
the Liche Twins had
unlocked?

It is a telling tale
that I interject here,
where Jasper McCarrin,
reporter for the United
Press, the earliest
version of official
reports, seeks answers to
the Neclace that Juo'Nar
had taken. Finth Desrin
sends him on an
interesting quest.

And what about that
Amulet?
March 20th, 1998

"I asked Finth what he
intended to do, and he
said that he needed to
know about the amulet
before he made any other
plans. I sensed a bit of
fear in Finth when talking
about Juo'nar, but
perhaps it was only
anger. Hmmm... I'm not
sure. Regardless, Finth
told me that considering
the lengths to which
Juo'nar went to obtain
the amulet, it must hold
significant power or be
of great worth. This is

what Fintth hoped to ascertain."

"Upon Fintth's suggestion, I headed to Britain to speak with Sage Humbolt. Sage Humbolt is well known and has been instrumental in thwarting the schemes of the two liches, Lathiari and Kyrnia."

"I suppose that he was preoccupied with his research, because he seemed to ignore most of my questions. But I did find out that I should speak with Brother Olic of the Empath Abbey monks."

"Brother Olic sent me to Vesper to speak with a jeweler there, one Grunthal Durn."

And so, Fintth Desrin, seeking answers to the Amulet, send him to Sage Humbolt of the Liche Twins accounts, who sends him to Brother Olic of the Relics of Mondain fame, who sends him to a Jeweler. And being sent to a gypsy cave, he was left with no answers on this quest.

After all this, we seemed to go into a lull in events, as the FOA leader was captured, his trial prepared, and then a complete lack of any news. Things seemed to just end. What ever happened to the FOA

leader is still in doubt. Is he still being held, perhaps secretly, as the knowledge he would release to the public under a trial could be dangerous?

Did he escape? Was he killed or did he commit suicide like so many others? We just don't know.

Minax Arrives

In the past events, several letters from an FOA leader signed with "W" left many wondering if it was an upside down M, and if Minax was behind the FOA. Then she arrived, in heated search of something. One of her first moves was to attain some ancient tomes from the Lycaeum, dealing with arcane magics involving blood, death, and souls. This threw me off the trail for some time, as I wondered if the control over undead and the possible restoration of Mondain (or attempts at such) had more to do with these tomes than any necklace. But then I noted the dates of events. A look at the sequence here shows something interesting. Please note also, that the dates reported in two of these articles are a year off, yet they are reported correctly in the list of events in the listings at the . A misprint? I doubt something more sinister is involved.

"And so it begins...."

March 18th, 1998

Where is what I seek? It
could be anywhere, but I
need a place to start,
she thought to herself.

"Forbidden Knowledge"
March 20th, 1998

"EXCELLENT! They ARE
here!" she exclaimed
breaking into excited
laughter. She pulled the
books from the shelf.
Three in all. Book of the
Dead. An Eater of Souls.
Servants of Blood. She
thought wildly, ecstatically,
about the doors that this
knowledge would unlock."

"Day of the Dead"
October 30th, 1999

"The Oracle is jarred
from her meditative state
and the horrific vision.
"The brothers will attack
Britannia again as they
did in the past. I must
warn the cities of my
vision. I must warn them
of the coming of the Day
of the Dead."

"Return of her Brothers"
November 10th, 1999

"At the small graveyard
from whence the brothers
had come, a gust of wind
roared across the broken
tombstones. If one did
not know better, it might
have sounded like a
frustrated sigh..."

Minax had read the
tomes, perhaps cast their
magic, but she had no
control. There was a
small lapse in events, and
then this....

"Still searching?"
April 2nd 1999
Sprawled buildings, massed

together. Water
surrounding. Soaring low.
Eyes darting from place
to place. Seeking...
seeking...

Minax had not yet found
the thing she searched
for most, and I believe it
was the necklace.

Soon after, we have
new reports of undead
attacks, controlled by
someoneor something.

"Strange Occurances
Accross the Realm:
Guards remain
unresponsive
January 15th, 2000

"A paladin from Trinsic –
"Zombies, skeletons,
ghouls... if I don't have
to wipe their putrid ichor
from my sword again in a
long time, I will be a
very happy lady. Seems
hardly a month goes by
without some sort of
undead uprising around
here."

The dark Mistress
Januar 27th, 2000
"Increase the raids on all
fronts; I want the people
of Britannia to suffer
endlessly. Have Juo'nar
and Malabelle combine
their efforts to crush
Trinsic. I want no humans
left alive in that putrid
city of honor. Juo'nar
must call forth all who
lie beneath the soil to
fight for him against the
living. Even if he has to
call upon the creatures
from the depths of abyss
to aid him, he will take
and hold that city."

Minax had found the
neclace, or Juo'Nar in
liche form with the
neclace.

"Update From Trinsic!"

January 27th, 2000

Trinsic is suffering terribly from vicious and massive Undead attacks. Reports continue to come in describing growing numbers of undead hordes, streaming into the streets bringing brutal carnage to the very doorsteps of the citizens themselves.

In those times I had often heard of the "Black Necklace" that Juo'Nar had, but I cannot find a single entry in any archives relating to this. I remember in the battle that defeated Juo'Nar, and finally put an end to him, I was driven away and out of sight of the Liche. After the battle, a guildmate came up to me and told me they had killed Juo'Nar. I asked about the necklace, and my friend said that "the authorities took it", with a crooked smile and a curse. Remember the intrigue within British's court.